

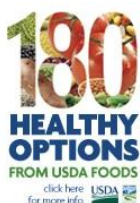


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THINK FOOD

School Nutrition Programs Shipment 1 August 2015



USDA FOOD Shipment 1 Update

The USDA Foods shipment schedule for SY 2015-2016 is located on the OPI School Nutrition website under Commodity Information. This website is located at:

http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html. Please remember the schedule is subject to change based on USDA Foods availability.

Newsletter is online too!

Please remember all issues of the Think Food Newsletter are on the OPI School Nutrition website at http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School_Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1_6.

Extra Items:

Ground beef	4/10#	(900)	\$122.02
Turkey deli breasts	4/10#	(601)	\$115.69
Tomatoes, diced	6/#10	(200)	\$13.65
Flour 60/40 blend	25#	(100)	\$6.83
Cheese, mozz LMPS	30#	(42)	\$55.56
Salsa	6/#10	(41)	\$19.46
Vegetable oil	6/1 gal	(32)	\$33.27
Spaghetti sauce	6/#10	(13)	\$14.36
Rice	24/2#	(2)	\$35.65
Vegetarian beans	6/#10	(2)	\$16.78
Tomato sauce	6/#10	(2)	\$13.54
Carrots, frozen	30#	(1)	\$14.61

The amounts listed in parenthesis are approximately the number of cases available. Please send an email to tbailly@mt.gov with food item and quantity requests by *Tuesday, August 11, 2015.*

USDA Food Update

- Our turkey roasts and sliced turkey deli ordered for this school year will not be coming. ☹ With the Avian Flu affecting a majority of the turkey market, the USDA did not receive any bids from vendors on these products. Hopefully, we will get some next year. If you want turkey roasts for the holidays, I suggest ordering them commercially as soon as possible as the prices will only continue to rise this year due to the shortage.
- We did, however, receive our turkey deli breasts (not sliced) from last school year. Any school that ordered them for this year will get them and the rest will be put on the extra list.
- The USDA cancelled all potato round orders for this year. They are working on reformulating the product.
- Some items for this school year had to be “fair shared” due to not being able to get them in the total quantity needed. These items are 100003 cheese, cheddar yellow, shredded and 100134 beef crumbles.
- As a reminder these items were not ordered for this school year due to low volume ordered or Montana not being able to split with another neighboring state:
 - 110396 Cheese, string
 - 100301 Cranberries, dried
 - 100466 Oats, rolled
 - 110501, Macaroni, whole grain blend
 - 100317 Sweet potatoes, canned

Shipments

Please see the attached shipment schedule for when items will be arriving.

PLEASE NOTE: The shipment schedule is subject to change if deliveries or orders are changed at the USDA level.

If you have requested USDA Processing items then you will receive a processing shipment schedule along with your regular “brown box” shipment schedule. Processing items will be shipped to the state warehouse from the manufacturers and then will come on the regular commodity shipments to the schools.

DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Please check your DoD Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program entitlement allotment on the FFavors website. We hope schools will use all their money and receive some great fresh fruit and vegetables during the school year.

Access the FFavors website at this address:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/fresh-fruits-and-vegetables-order-receipt-system-ffavors>

After you receive each order, you will now need to go back into FFavors and receipt it. You need to do this within five business days before they will allow you to place another order.

If you are new or having trouble accessing the FFavors website, please let Tessa Bailly know at 406-444-4412 or tbailly@mt.gov so she can help get an account set up for you.

USDA Commodity Food Loss Report Form

You no longer have to submit the USDA Commodity Food Loss Report Form when you have a loss of commodity foods. Once USDA Foods (commodities) reach the school/institution, they fall under the responsibilities of that school/institution.

The exception to this is when a food has arrived to you in a damaged, spoiled or contaminated condition, or when the item spoils/goes bad before its recommended use by date. In these cases, please report this to Tessa Bailly at 406-444-4412 or tbailly@mt.gov.

Fall 2015 Administrative and Food Service Management Workshops

The Office of Public Instruction School Nutrition Programs Workshops will combine our administrative and food service management training this year as we recognize that it takes strong involvement between both to ensure a successful school nutrition program. To make this workshop most useful, we strongly encourage all clerks, determining officials, and food service managers to attend.

The topics to be covered:

- Free and Reduced Benefits (including the new Direct Certification Application)
- Budgeting, Meal Pattern Basics
- Required Documentation
- General Program Operation Requirements
- Verification
- Administrative Review Procedures.

Join the school nutrition program specialists for a fall 2015 workshop located in your area! Lunch will be provided. Please register at this site:

<http://app.keysurvey.com/f/972271/1d4f/>

Butte	September 3	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Great Falls	September 9	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Glasgow	September 15	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Glendive	September 15	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Billings	September 16	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Kalispell	September 23	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Child Nutrition Institute Training

The Child Nutrition Institute offers a variety of online training courses for new food service staff or for staff who have worked in the field but would like a refresher. These courses are a great way to get credits for professional standards if you are unable to attend any of the OPI training.

Please go to <http://www.childnutritioninstitute.org/#> to learn more about the types of courses they offer.

Celebrate Farm to School This October!



October is National Farm to School Month, a time to celebrate the connections that are

happening between schools and local food producers. There are many great ways to celebrate Farm to School Month, whether you are a student, teacher, parent, food service director, farmer, or community member. It is a perfect time to go on a farm field trip, serve a Montana meal, or host a school garden open house.

For more information and to download a Farm to School Month guide, visit opi.mt.gov/Farm2School or contact Aubree Roth at aubree.roth@montana.edu or 406-994-5996.

Let's Hear Your Crunch, Montana!

Join preschools, schools, colleges, and individuals across Montana in celebrating Food Day and National Farm to School Month by crunching into locally and regionally grown apples on October 26 at 2 p.m. MST.



This collective crunch encourages healthy eating and connects with farm to school and buy local initiatives throughout the state. It also a fun way to connect food and nutrition into learning from science to art! The Office of Public Instruction, Montana Team Nutrition Program, Farm to Cafeteria Network, Montana FoodCorps, Eat Right Montana, and other statewide partners have created a guide and additional resources to help every Montanan crunch into a delicious apple this October! Over 20,000 individuals participated in 2014, help make a louder crunch and spread the word!

For more information about Montana Crunch Time, to register and receive your guide, visit opi.mt.gov/Farm2School or contact Aubree Roth at aubree.roth@montana.edu or 406-994-5996. Make sure to collect a "crunch byte" (video, photos, or audio) to share!

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